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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 57, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to deputy sheriffs' salaries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 57, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 57.265, to read as follows:

57.265. 1. In order to protect the well-being and safety of Missouri citizens, it shall be a goal of this state to adequately compensate county peace officers, and in particular to establish an acceptable starting annual salary for deputy sheriffs. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Public Safety Enhancement Fund", which shall consist of money transferred from the general revenue fund in an amount that is necessary to fund the grant program established under subsection 2 of this section. The fund shall be administered by the department of public safety. The money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of such program. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund; however, the fund shall terminate on June 30, 2011, and all moneys remaining in the fund on such date shall revert to the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

2. Subject to appropriations from the public safety enhancement fund, the department of public safety shall create a program to distribute grants to counties for the purpose of supplementing the

22 starting annual salaries, not including additional compensation or
23 benefits, of deputy sheriffs that are below twenty-eight thousand
24 dollars as of January 1, 2007. Any county with a starting annual salary
25 of less than twenty-eight thousand dollars as of January 1, 2007, for
26 deputy sheriffs shall be eligible to receive a grant over the course of
27 four fiscal years to supplement such salaries. In order to receive such
28 grants, any eligible county shall sign an agreement with the state
29 stating that it shall maintain a starting annual salary for deputy
30 sheriffs of not less than twenty-eight thousand dollars during the four
31 years of the program and the five years subsequent to the termination
32 of such program. The enrollment period for this grant program shall
33 be from August 29, 2007, to December 31, 2007. Counties that reduce
34 starting annual salaries of deputy sheriffs during the thirteen-month
35 period prior to January 1, 2008, shall not be eligible to receive a grant
36 or participate in the program. For the first year of the program,
37 eligible counties shall receive not more than eight thousand dollars or
38 the difference between twenty-eight thousand dollars and the current
39 starting annual salary of deputy sheriffs in the county, whichever
40 amount is less, per deputy sheriff to supplement his or her starting
41 annual salary. For the second year of the program, eligible counties
42 shall receive not more than seventy-five percent of the amount of
43 money received for the first year distribution. For the third year of the
44 program, eligible counties shall receive not more than fifty percent of
45 the amount of money received for the first year distribution. For the
46 fourth year of the program, eligible counties shall receive not more
47 than twenty-five percent of the amount of money received for the first
48 year distribution. The grant money used each year shall not result in
49 a starting annual salary exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars for
50 any deputy sheriff. A county that fails to maintain a starting annual
51 salary of at least twenty-eight thousand dollars for deputy sheriffs in
52 the five years subsequent to termination of the grant program shall
53 reimburse the state for all moneys received plus interest calculated by
54 the state treasurer.

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